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# CRESTWOD ADVISER

## Secretary of State Driver Services Comes to Crestwood



Mayor Lou Presta arranged for the Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Facility to come to the Biela Center on April 6th.



Trustee Tony Benigno, Mayor Lou Presta and Trustee Dan Jurka were on hand to assist at the Mobile Driver Services Facility event on April 6th.

The Village of Crestwood provided residents from the area a convenient opportunity to get drivers' services and state IDs with the Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Facility on Monday, April 6th. The Biela Center hosted the event, held from 10am to 2pm.

Randi Newton from Chicago, wife of Crestwood Fire Department's John Newton, seized the opportunity to get her drivers' license renewed. "It was quick and easy. I didn't have to wait until January when it expired," she said. People also renewed plate stickers and state IDs.

Mayor Lou Presta arranged the event. "I plan to do it at least three times a year if the Secretary of State lets us," he said. "Instead of Crestwood going to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State can come to Crestwood."

Alice Kelly from the Secretary of State's Speakers' Bureau said there were 17 drivers' licenses and ID applications, five vision screenings for seniors, and five vehicle stickers completed at the event. ComEd also supplied plenty of doughnuts and coffee for everyone who attended.



Low Cost Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic

**Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy** 

#### **HOSTS**

Rabies Vaccine Mobile Clinic Tuesday, June 2rd | 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Country Square Plaza Parking Lot (S.W. Ice Arena) 5505 W. 127th Street, Crestwood

Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control will be providing low cost rabies shots to dog, cats and ferrets of Cook County Residents. Mobile clinic services will be offered on a first -come, first served basis until 2:45 p.m. Pet owners must present a valid Drivers License or State ID. For public safety all pets must be leashed or caged at all times.

#### LOW COST FEES

\$7.00 for a 1- year Rabies Vaccine & \$21.00 for a 3 - year Microchips WILL NOT be available at this event

For more information call: Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy's Office 708.389.2125
Cook County Department of Animal Control 708.974.6140
Visit www.cookcountyil.gov Click Agencies – Animal Control for a complete summer schedule of additional locations and dates.



## Village Reminder: Free Rain Barrels

With the rainy season in full swing, the Village of Crestwood reminds residents that free rain barrels are available for qualified citizens. To qualify, applicants must agree to disconnect the downspouts on their homes and install rain barrels on each downspout where feasible. The goal is to reduce the amount of rainwater entering the public drainage system, which, here in Crestwood, combines both rainwater and sewage from homes. For each rain barrel used, up to 55 gallons of water can be prevented from finding their way into the drainage system. Prevention of overflow in the system is crucial to the prevention of basement backups and other flooding.

The Village will perform a site visit within 90 days to determine if delivered rain barrels are onsite and properly installed.

Those not qualifying for free barrels can still acquire them via the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for \$58 plus tax. For more information or to purchase barrels, visit **www.mwrd.org** or call **(708) 371-4800**, **ext. 1002**.





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# Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 14025 Kostner Ave | May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | May 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:30pm-10:00pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | May 11th and 25<sup>th</sup>

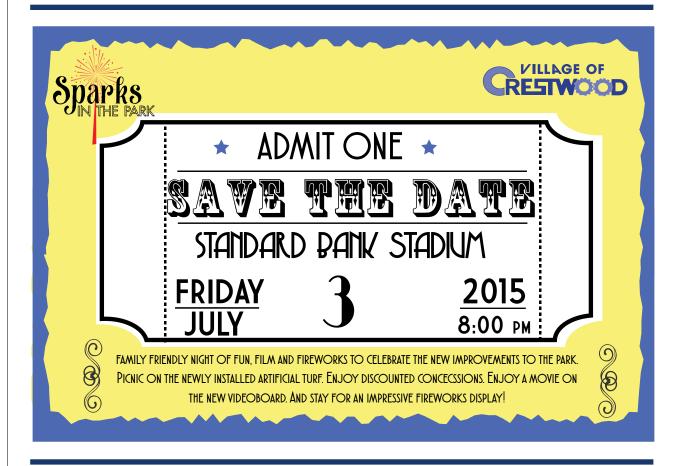
Recreation Commission - 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | May 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

## **Village Parking Notice**



Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on *any* village street between 2am and 6am. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigations. This ordinance also ensures that all streets throughout the Village will be open to fire and rescue equipment in the event of an overnight emergency. This is especially necessary in areas where narrow streets can block large fire trucks. We will continue to enforce this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation with this ordinance. The initial fine for this violation is \$75.00. This is a Village-wide ordinance. **PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR LATE NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS ARE MADE AWARE OF THIS AS WELL!** 



### **2015 Forest Preserves Permits Now Available**

Picnic and events permits for the Forest Preserves of Cook County are now available. They may be purchased online with Visa or MasterCard or in person with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard at the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (536 N. Harlem Avenue in River Forest), Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The Forest Preserves have approximately 297 picnic groves (191 with shelters) available for public use. Permit fees vary based on grove size, capacity and special items used on Forest Preserves property. Basic picnic permits range from \$47 to \$115, but special event permits may cost more. There is a discount for non-profit organizations, if they provide appropriate documentation. For more information, visit **fpdcc.com/permits-rentals**, or contact them at **fpdcc.rvp@cookcountyil.gov** or **1-800-870-3666** (option 2).

## Cop on Rooftop at Dunkin' Donuts

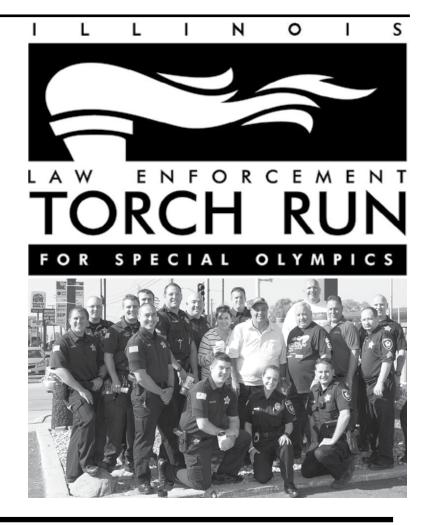
On Friday, May 29th, come out and have coffee with a cop as the Crestwood Police Department participates in the annual Cop on Rooftop at Dunkin' Donuts to raise money for Special Olympics.

Officers will be on the roof of Dunkin' Donuts, located at 137th and Cicero at 5:00am, and will be collecting donations until 2:00pm. Every person who makes a donation will receive a coupon for a free doughnut, and for a \$10 donation, you will receive a stainless steel coffee mug will with your favorite Dunkin' Donuts coffee. We will also have the Law Enforcement Torch Run Gear, including a Torch Run T-shirt for \$15, hats for \$15, and tickets to the annual Harley raffle for \$10.

Last year, Crestwood was the highest fundraising location, raising over \$10,000 for this one-day event but we need your help to do it again!

Anyone wishing to make a donation for Special Olympics can send it to Detective Chris Soderlund at the Crestwood Police Department (13840 Cicero, Crestwood, IL 60445) or contact him by phone at 708-926-7240.

Last year's "Cop on Rooftop" event. Picture features Crestwood's Police department, and Mayor Lou Presta, and the Village of Crestwood Trustees.



## **DOCUMENT SHREDDING** TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS Saturday, June 20 10am - 2pm **Crestwood Police** LAW ENFORCEMENT **Department** FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS 13840 Cicero ILLINOIS

## \$10 For First Box \$5 Each Additional Box

(Standard record size storage box)

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing non-violent crimes in the United States. Nearly 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Proper destruction of personal and confidential documents is a critical step in ensuring that individuals do not become victims of identity theft.

Bring your old tax returns, business records, bank statements, cancelled checks, credit card statements, bills, receipts, and other documents containing personal information. All Shredding will be done onsite while you wait.

SHREDDING PROVIDED BY PROSHRED SECURITY

## **Shredding for a Good Cause**

How many of you have boxes of old utility bills and cancelled checks that you would like to get rid of, but don't know what to do with them? With all the talk about identity theft, most people are afraid to get rid of these old documents, so they continue to store them, year after year. With Identity Theft being a multi-billion dollar industry, it is more important than ever to take preventive measures to protect yourself and your identity. That's why the Crestwood Police Department is again hosting a Shredding Event Fundraiser on Saturday, June 20th, from 10am-2pm, at the Crestwood Police Department.

Proshred Security will have a shredding truck onsite, and you can watch on the video monitors as your old documents pass through the shredder and into the truck.

Shredding will be \$10 for the first box and \$5 for each additional box, with all of the proceeds being donated to Special Olympics.

Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this one-day event here in Crestwood.

#### Here are some of the things you may consider shredding;

- Expired credit and debit cards
- Credit and debit card receipts
- Unused credit card checks
- Credit card statements
- Pre-approved credit card offers and applications
- Checking and savings account statements
- Canceled checks
- Pension account statements
- Paycheck stubs

- Wage and earnings statements
- Phone and utility bills
- Retail invoices and statements
- Tax returns and statements
- Medical bills
- Insurance claim information
- Insurance policy information (auto, health, life)
- Expired identification passports)

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact **Detective** Chris Soderlund at 708-926-7240 or csoderlund@crestwood.illinois.gov.



### **Upcoming BASSET Training Dates**

The Southwest Conference of Mayors along with the Illinois Liquor Commission and the Village of Orland Park will host two Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) sessions on Tuesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 7th from noon to 4pm at the Orland Park Civic Center. Under PA98-0939, BASSET is now mandatory for anyone serving alcohol in Cook County with only a few exceptions to the law. The Village of Crestwood urges liquor-serving business owners to take advantage of these free sessions.

Please reserve your attendance for one seminar date by phoning the Southwest Conference Mayor's Office at (708) 403-6132 or by faxing (708) 403-6113. Please include the number of attendees and the name of your establishment.

# We Watch, We Call!

Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month's reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned in to your neighbors' well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).

#### **Warrant Service**

03-04-2015: A female was arrested on an outstanding warrant for driving with a suspended license.

03-20-2015: A male was arrested on an outstanding warrant for aggravated speeding.

#### **Deceptive Practice**

03-02-2015: A resident reported that her tax return was denied because someone had already filed a return using her identity.

03-09-2015: A resident reported that her tax return was denied because someone had already filed a return using her identity.

in the mail for employment during the year of 2014 at a company where she had not worked for that year, indicating that someone had used her identity.

03-19-2015: A woman reported that she received a phone call from a subject who identified himself as an agent with the IRS and demanded \$3,900.00 in back taxes. The caller advised that if the matter was not settled in 48 hours, the US Marshals would arrest her and seize her assets. The resident did not provide any information to the caller. It was determined that this call was an attempted scam.

03-24-2015: A resident reported that his tax return was denied because someone had already filed a return using his identity.

03-30-2015: A female reported that unknown suspects attempted to apply for unemployment in her name using her debit card number.

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A safe way to protect yourself from identity theft is to shred your documents that contain your personal information. Be sure to take advantage of the the Shredding Event at the police department on June 20th from 10:00AM-2:00PM.

#### **Thefts**

03-04-2015: Unknown suspects stole three hubcaps and an orange duffle bag from a vehicle that was parked in the 4300 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

had taken a package that had been delivered to her mailbox in the 142nd block of Kilpatrick Ave.

03-05-2015: Unknown suspects removed the catalytic converter off of a Ford truck in the 140th block of Kildare Ave.

03-06-2015: A woman reported that she believed that her wallet was stolen from her purse while she was shopping at Walmart.

03-09-2015: Unknown suspects removed part of an exhaust system on a Dodge Sprinter Van in the 4700 block of 137th St.

 $03\text{-}12\text{-}2015\text{: A resident reported that she received a W2} \quad 03\text{-}12\text{-}2015\text{: Unknown suspects removed the change}$ from two coin operated laundry machines in the 5700 block of 129th St.

> 03-10-2015: A woman reported that unknowns suspects took a Samsung Galaxy 3 Tablet that was left on the front seat of an unlocked car that was parked in the Walgreens parking lot.

03-22-2015: An unknown suspect stole woman's unattended purse from a shopping cart as the woman was loading her merchandise in her vehicle while in the Walmart parking lot.

03-23-2015: Unknown suspects stole catalytic converters from three vehicles in the 140th block of Kostner Ave.

#### **Retail Thefts**

03-22-2015: A male was arrested and charged with retail theft after attempting to steal eight bottles of vodka from Ultra.

03-24-2015: A male was arrested at Menards after attempting to steal \$140.00 worth of merchandise. The offender was also charged with criminal trespass because he had previously been apprehended for stealing from Menards.

18 people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of March.

#### **No License/Suspended Driver Arrest**

03-07-2015: A male was arrested in the 139th block of Laramie and charged with improper lighting and driving without a valid license.

03-04-2015: A woman reported that unknown suspects 03-08-2015: A male was involved in a hit-andrun accident at 135th St. and Cicero Ave., and fled southbound on Cicero. Officers observed the vehicle fleeing the scene at speeds over 60 mph. The driver attempted to hide behind the House of Hughes but was located by officers. The driver attempted to flee on foot but after a brief struggle was taken into custody by officers. The suspect was charged with the following: leaving the scene of an accident, speeding, improper lane usage, disregarding a traffic control device, driving on a suspended license, operating a vehicle with a suspended registration, reckless driving and resisting a peace officer.

> 03-15-2015: A female was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license after being involved in an accident at CalSag Road and Cicero Ave.

03-22-2015: A female was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license in the 135th block of Cicero Ave.

03-28-2015: A male was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license in the 142nd block of Cicero Ave.

#### **Criminal Damage**

03-09-2015: Unknown suspects damaged the hood of a vehicle in the parking lot in the 4700th block of Midlothian Turnpike.

03-15-2015: Unknown suspects damaged the entrance security door to an apartment building in the 128th block of Carriage Lane.

03-03-2015: After being involved in an altercation at I-Hop a female was issued a citation for unlawful possession of cannabis.

03-08-2015: After investigating a suspicious vehicle in the AMC Movie Theatre parking lot, a male was issued a citation for illegal use of an intoxicating compound.

03-08-2015: Officers responded to a report of an unresponsive woman in the restroom at Menards. As the paramedics were treating the subject, it was discovered that she was in possession of nine small baggies containing a white powdery substance that was suspected to be heroin, as well as several syringes. The subject was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## **Police Cadet/Explorer Program**



The Crestwood Police Department is looking for youths between the ages of 14 and 19 who may be interested in joining our Cadet/Explorer program. While we do quite a few activities and much training that are law enforcement-related, the main purpose of this program is to help

these young people to develop good communication and leadership skills. We also provide training with other agencies, including Cook County Department of Homeland Security, Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff's Police, FBI, DEA, Secret Service and others. Applications are available at the Crestwood Police Station Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 9pm, and 8:30am to noon Saturday.



### **Leaders Amongst Us: Archdiocese Honors Incarnation TRAIN Youth Group**

On Sunday, April 12th, Incarnation Parish had the privilege of participating in the Vicariate V Leadership Award Banquet held at Lexington House and presided over by Bishop Andrew P. Wypych. Incarnation also was lucky enough to have two awardees from TRAIN Youth Group: Gillian Gapski received the award for Peer Ministry because of her leadership and participation in TRAIN and the 8th-grade confirmation retreats; and Jessica Manekas for Catechesis and dedication to teaching in the REP. Pictured here is Gillian Gapski with

her award. (Manekas was unfortunately unable to attend the banquet.) Incarnation congratulates these wonderful and deserving young women and urges the community to keep them in its thoughts and prayers that they will continue to be leaders in our church.

## An Afternoon With the Crestwood Firemen By Mary Stroka



Bobby Wooten serving as the "striker" or "heelman" for Nick Wilmington to demonstrate and practice how to make a forcible entry on a door with a Halligan bar.



Crestwood firemen in front of the 2314 fire truck at the fire station. Front row, left to right: Eliot Burica, Dan Malone, Sam Spiguzza, Bobby Wooten. Back row, left to right: Mark Taylor, Brian Paliga, Lieutenant Jon Newton, Engineer Nick Wilmington.

On Wednesday, March 4th, I got the opportunity to do a "ridealong" with the Crestwood Fire Department. I've been a volunteer with the Western Springs Fire Department's Medical Reserve Corps (now part of the West Suburban Medical Reserve Corps) for the past few years, so I went into the shadow day with some familiarity with fire departments, but I came out having learned a lot more.

The afternoon started out with, naturally, lunch. The kitchen and lounge is on the second floor of the fire station. The black shift — one of three shifts at the Crestwood firehouse, the others are red and gold — had cooked sloppy joes. They told me they pay for their own food and kitchen supplies and only eat out if there's no time to cook (and sometimes they don't even have time to do that). They then showed me where they sleep when they're doing the overnight shift and have the time. Crestwood splits the day into two shifts: 6pm-6am and 6am-6pm. They get paid for their availability; they have to be ready in a moment's notice.

We did go on one emergency medical services (EMS) call about halfway through my time with them. I got to hop in the fire engine with three of the guys and others took the ambulance over. We rushed down Cicero Avenue, communicating via radio to hear each other over the sirens and blasting country music (which happens to be my favorite) to match the level of adrenaline I suspect we all were experiencing. Once there, they let me come in the resident's home to see their work in action. A couple of them took the resident's vitals (heart rate, blood pressure) and medical history while the others got a stretcher ready for transfer into the ambulance. Everyone jumped into the ambulance then to give initial treatment and prepare to go to the hospital. After that, some of them headed to the hospital and the group I was with returned to the fire station.

But it was otherwise a pretty "quiet" day — a word that is practically forbidden in the firehouse, lest it become the opposite. So instead, the crew and I spoke about what's involved in firefighting and the fire service, and how residents can be helpful.

The firefighters enjoy their work, but it does require a lot of dedication and energy. Brian Paliga said it's a contagious excitement to work calls. "It's a good feeling to be able to help people you've grown up with," he remarked. "When this job gets into your blood, it's hard to shake it," added Lieutenant Jon Newton.

In order to do their jobs well, they are constantly learning and further developing their skills. Firefighters have to keep up with changes in house construction and cars, such as the increase in using plastic for construction and the high voltages of hybrid vehicles. "You see something different all

the time," Paliga said. "Anything you could imagine could happen. ... The day you stop learning is the day you retire." Mark Taylor, a third generation firefighter, said, "You don't become a firefighter just because it's a job. Even when we're not at work, we're still at work."

Newton said that the amount of reliance each of them has to have on the rest of the team, and the "melting pot of technique and knowledge" makes the fire station very family-oriented. They hang out outside of work and there's a friendly competition among the three shifts, Taylor added.

The fire crew wants to let residents know that, during winter, if they can help to clear snow off the hydrants near their houses, that that's really helpful since the hydrants can actually freeze in bad, cold weather. But it's not necessary to come over to neighbors' houses if the home is ablaze and the fire department has already been called, since it can lead to liability issues, and all the people need to be accounted for. "There's nothing you can do at that point that we can't do," Taylor said. In fact, opening the door of a home on fire can actually feed the fire with the newly arrived oxygen of the outside air.

"It's easy for people to say, 'Oh, you just go and put the fire out,' but there's a lot to it," Newton said. There are a variety of factors and challenges that can make the fire unique, so there are likewise a lot of tools and techniques to consider. To imagine yourself in a fire, close your eyes and imagine being in 800 degrees Fahrenheit and not being able to see anything. Firefighters might need to go up on the roof and open part of it to alleviate the smoke and ventilate the building, and they might need to use a Halligan bar to breach open a locked door. To breathe, firefighters use a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), equipped with a personal alert safety system (PASS) that activates if a firefighter stops moving. The SCBA and bunker gear, which I tried on, are pretty heavy, and the high-pressure air tank only lasts about 10-30 minutes — more like 10 if you're fighting a strenuous fire before you have to get out. So it's critical in a massive fire situation to have abundant manpower. Some fires might need 20-30 people, which is made possible through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), which alerts fire departments of different neighboring communities if another in their area needs assistance.

It seemed obvious to me that the firefighters were proud of the work they do, both in educating people on fire prevention and in those emergency situations that demand that they spring into action. They know that their job is special, and they consider themselves honored to do it. "Not many people get to go to a burning house and put it out," Taylor said.

Crestwood Fire Department | 13840 S. Cicero Ave.



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## **Jump Bunch Sports & Fitness**

Jump Bunch feature a different activity each week through age-appropriate introduction to sports and fitness. The preschoolers enjoy great exercises, but in a structured format, that introduces a wide variety of sports, and builds coordination, balance, and confidence. Each class includes warm-ups, floor exercises, the sport activity of the week, stretching, and then cool downs.

Day: Mondays Dates: May 11—June 15 No Class: May 25

Time: 3:30 to 4:15 PM Ages: 3 to 5 years old

Cost:

\$50.00 Resident/Non-Resident

#### **Class Instructors**

The Jump Bunch program is in several local park districts and day care centers. Jump Bunch brings a new sport or activity each week. For more information visit the Jump Bunch website: www.chicago-south.jumpbunch.com





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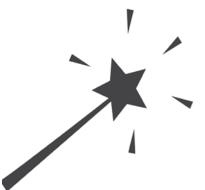
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## PRETTY, PRETTY PRINCESS

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

Come join us and be a princess for a day! Participants will play crown toss, make and decorate a princess hat, pass the poison apple, pin the kiss on the frog, play a tangled game, and they will wrap each other in Rapunzels hair. Each child will go home with a popcorn princess snack.



Day: Friday Date: May 29

Time: 4:00 to 5:00 PM Ages: 3 to 5 years old

Cost:

\$12.00 Resident/ Non-Resident

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## **SUPER HEROES UNITE!**

### Join us for an afternoon of fun!

Calling all Superheroes!! Join us for an afternoon of superhero fun. Participants will knock down "bricks" using Captain America's shield, use our superhero breath to blow "kryptonite" across the room, play pin the star on Captain America's shield, and throw Thor's hammer. Each child will get a power ring to take home and a superhero training certificate.

Day: **Tuesday** Date: May 19

Time: 4:00 to 5:00 PM Ages: 3 to 5 years old

#### Cost:

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# REC & WELLNESS CENTER 5331 W. 135th Street Crestwood, IL 60445 708-371-4810

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## Shepard students, staff travel to Ireland, Wales, England



Shepard High School teachers Jennifer Klein (second from right) and Erin Quinland (far right) jumped into a bog with students during their visit to Causey Farms in rural Ireland during spring break.



The group of Shepard High School students outside St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin during their spring break trip to Ireland, Wales, and England.

Spring break required no sun block or bathing suits for the group of 24 students and four staff members from Shepard High School who left O'Hare Airport.

Instead, they packed sweaters and raincoats and headed to Ireland, Wales and England for a cultural and literary experience like they'd never experienced.

Teachers Jeff Vazzana, Jennifer Klein and Erin Quinlan and Dean of Students Mike Ferguson accompanied students on an odyssey through Dublin, rural Ireland, a ferry across the Irish Sea, and into Wales and the land of Shakespeare.

In Dublin the group visited Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral. But perhaps the more memorable Irish experiences happened outside the big city.

"At Causey Farm we had a real Irish countryside experience. We baked Irish soda bread, learned some Irish dances, milked a cow and held a one-day old

They also played in a bog.

"That was the coolest part of the day. Sophomore Matt Gibson jumped in, and then others followed," Vazzana said.

They then took a ferry across the Irish Sea to Wales and landed in Holyhead.

"From there we drove to a great castle called Beaumaris. The coolest part of the day was when we stopped at a very small town at the edge of Snowden, a large mountain. They got to meet some local high schoolers and play American football with them," Vazzana said. "We lost horribly."

Aside from Stratford Upon Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare, the group visited London to attend The Players' Theatre.

They also visited Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and saw the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.

## Shepard Student Wins "My Favorite Teacher" Essay Contest at Barnes & Nobles

With his voice quivering now and then, Shepard High School junior Tony Rodriguez paid tribute to a teacher who taught creatively and with the greatest care during and after a time of sickness.

Rodriguez won first place out of more than 80 entries for his inspired composition in the "My Favorite Teacher" Essay Contest sponsored by the Barnes & Noble store in Orland Park.

"This is for Mr. Kallenborn," he started.

"Thanks, Tony!" teacher Eric Kallenborn shouted from the back of the gathered crowd.

Rodriguez outlined the professional qualities that make Kallenborn's class interesting and meaningful to him.

"Many Advanced Placement teachers in today's society are very strict and push students too far causing them stress and causing them to lose focus. Mr. Kallenborn, an A.P. Language and Composition educator, is by far my favorite teacher," he said.

Rodriguez emphasized the pride that Kallenborn takes in his work, and that he does not simply teach "for a paycheck. Mr. Kallenborn also understands the minds of students, that some of us go through problems."

Rodriguez wrote from experience. He missed nearly a month of school, a long time for any student, but particularly one with several A.P. courses, which proceed at a frenetic pace.

"The day I came back, Mr. Kallenborn brought me into the hall to ask if I was OK. I'm a pretty big guy, but I broke down. Mr, Kallenborn had helped guide me to success. He gave me every opportunity to keep up my grade," Rodriguez said.

Kallenborn set up conferences often during Rodriguez's absence to cover class material and discuss concerns.

"This relieved much of the stress I was feeling," said Rodriguez, his voice catching as he read. "Mr. Kallenborn helps us prepare in every way to succeed on the A.P. exam. Words can't describe my appreciation for Mr. Kallenborn. I look up to him as a role model," said Rodriguez, who concluded by saying he would like to teach at Shepard after college.



Shepard High School junior Tony Rodriguez reads his composition dedicated to English teacher Eric Kallenborn in the "My Favorite Teacher" Essay Contest sponsored by the Barnes & Noble Store in Orland Park. Tony won first place out of more than 80 students.



Shepard High School junior Hayden Wiest reads his composition dedicated to Independence Junior High School teacher Pamela Peters.

Of the 10 finalists chosen by store employees, four attend Shepard. Other teachers chosen by Shepard students included band director Christopher Pitlik and Independence Junior High School teacher Pamela Peters.

# **Incarnation Students Compete in 'Amazing Academic Race'**

Four Incarnation 6th and 7th grade students participated in Marian Catholic High School's "Amazing Academic Race" on Wednesday, March 18th. The competition was a team effort with the students answering questions in the following subjects: creative writing, math, science, speech and Model UN (critical world issues). Brendan Breslin, Nora Cunnea, Annabelle Murry and Pete Stock took first place by answering 47 out of 50 questions correctly. Congratulations!



## St. Rita Writing Contest

This spring St. Rita held a writing contest for boys between 5th and 7th grades. All essays were required to be one page. Three subjects were available from which the boys could choose: 1) The dire financial status of Illinois; 2) the expectation of professional athletes to act as role models upon signing huge contracts; and 3) the current state of grade school students' and teenagers' spirituality and their views on Catholicism.

Three of Incarnation's finest students were rewarded with 2nd place prizes. Owen Harty and Matt Mariotti received 2nd place for their respective essays on professional athletes and society's expectations for them as role models; and Patrick Stock received 2nd place for his views on Catholicism within the youth, and the obstacles they face in today's society.

Please join us in congratulating these young men.



# **Incarnation's Learning Lab in Action**





ELS Coordinator, Cindy Mortimer, Cooper Cozen, Brylee Murphy, Rebecca Madera, Kristen Barrett and Tom LeBel.

Incarnation has had an ELS (Essential Learning Systems) lab for the past 10 years. ELS uses multi-sensory processing strategies and activities that exercise the visual, auditory and motor centers of the brain. Practicing these strategies builds memory and strengthens paths for processing. This processing of multisensory learning combines speech recordings with graphics and text to provide a stimulating, full-spectrum learning environment. CEI (the parent company) has carefully crafted ELS so educators can tailor these forms of sensory input. This tailoring enables teachers to adapt each student's learning environment to his/her learning requirements. Some of the key elements, custom tailored to create a successful learning environment, include Sensory Integration Training, Interactive Learning, Language Enrichment and Individualization.

Incarnation's ELS lab has won the Exemplary Lab Award from CEI for the past six years. Students have had much success with this program over that time, graduating from the program once they have completed all levels. Congratulations to Incarnation on a fine program and its continued success.

## **Incarnation School Students, Faculty** Choose to Be Kind!

On Thursday, April 16th, Incarnation School in Palos Heights celebrated Choose to Be Kind Day. Students as well as faculty and staff participated in special activities designed to promote choosing kindness. Students practiced kindness and generosity to others, reinforcing the message that bullying will not be tolerated. Students were taught how to use kindness and to stand up for those who are bullied. Students took part in a mixedup lunch, eating and socializing with other students from different grades. A highlight of the day had prayer partners meeting to write poems about kindness.

















## Devising an EGG—cellent Plan

Incarnation Catholic School in Palos Heights is at it again — this time with the infamous EGG DROP! Eighth graders worked hard to engineer designs that would absorb the energy of an 11-foot drop to the ground, protecting an egg from impact. They had an allotted amount of materials to use. It was a great way to incorporate their knowledge of physics and STEM!



### **Shepard Provides Color Guard Service at Chicago Wolves**

Six members of Shepard's U.S. Air Force JROTC took the initiative to present the colors — the American flag, the Illinois flag, the POW flag and the Shepard JROTC unit flag — during the national anthem prior to the Chicago Wolves game on Saturday, March 14th.

Crestwood resident Diana Burke, a junior at Shepard, joined Josh Reynolds, Andrew Kuntz, Amber Orel, Brian Zawodniak and Nikko Cortez in this first-time venture. Major Daniel Johnson, a senior aeronautical science instructor, said the cadets came up with the idea and made the initial contact with the Wolves to set up a date.

The cadets sold 30 tickets to the game during their lunch periods and before school, and they worked with the Chicago Wolves to raffle off four tickets as a fundraiser for St. Baldrick's Day. They raised more than \$120. "This was a great opportunity for us to get outside the walls of our school and serve the community around us," Johnson said.

The cadets present colors regularly at Shepard athletic events, mostly football and basketball. They also have presented colors at Veterans Day ceremonies, community events, and Windy City ThunderBolts games in the past few years.



Six of Shepard's U.S. Air Force JROTC cadets presented the Colors at the March 14th Chicago Wolves game: Nikko Cortez (rifle), Andrew Kuntz (American flag), Diana Burke (Illinois flag), Josh Reynolds (POW flag), Brian Zawodniak (unit flag) and Amber Orel (rifle).

## Shepard, Goethe Celebrate 30 Years

For three decades, students from Shepard High School and Johan Wolfgang Goethe Gymnasium have lived together, toured the other's nation, attended sporting and cultural events, sampled cuisine, and built friendships.

And for educators, there's hardly a better growth experience. This year, as Shepard welcomes a group of 16 students from Goethe, the schools celebrate the 30th anniversary of their exchange program.

Goethe teacher Nicole Stoebener knows the reward of exchange programs so well: When she attended Goethe as a student, she visited Shepard one year.

"This is a very special year. It's our 30th anniversary. For our students, it's a great opportunity to really get to know the life of the American family and experience life at an American high school. It's a lot different than Germany," said Stoebener, whose husband Fabian helped chaperone the German students.

Nicole Stoebener emphasized the relationships that develop as a result of the exchange.

"I still have contact with my host family from back then. It's really a great thing to have friends in another country and experience its culture. It helps you become more openminded and more tolerant. Plus you get to meet new and interesting people," she said. Shepard teacher Jennifer Fischer also understands the value of living in a foreign country. For a time she lived in Germany.

"It's been such a great experience for our students to get the opportunity to learn about another culture," said Fischer, who organized a huge fund raiser in January to help offset some of the expense of the exchange program.

Over the course of the next three weeks, the German students will live with Shepard families, attend classes, tour Chicago, attend a White Sox game, and in general live as Americans.

Retired Shepard teacher Nellie Hastings founded the exchange program in 1985.



This year, Shepard High School and Johan Wolfgang Goethe Gymnasium from Germersheim celebrate the 30th anniversary of their student exchange program. From left, Shepard teacher Jennifer Fischer, Goethe teachers (husband and wife) Fabian and Nicole Stoebener, and Shepard Principal Dr. Josh Barron. The Stoebeners presented Barron with a commemorative plaque at the welcome event.

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### **Quick Fix: Stain Treating**

Like it or not, every once in a while there may be a spill — right on those new clothes. Act quickly with the right tools and treatments, and there might still be hope. The first rule of stain treatment in any situation: Act quickly. If it's a liquid-based stain, blot the excess as quickly as possible to prevent further spreading, of course. But many stains are made of different substances, and getting them out can take an equally varied number of solutions. Here are a few common types of stains, along with a quick fix to help you in those crucial first few minutes:

Coffee/Tea: Carefully, drop by drop, flood area of stain with lemon juice or white vinegar. To help remove residual milk and sugar, a solution of diluted liquid dishwashing detergent — 1 Tbsp detergent to 9.5 oz. of water is a good ratio — may be used to treat the stain; then wash with an enzyme detergent. (Biz, Era Plus or Wisk, for example.)

Grass: Use a dry solvent cleaner (such as Dryel or Woolite At-Home Dry Cleaner) to treat the area in a well-ventilated area. Alternate dabbing with cheesecloth and tamping with a soft brush to get out as much of the stain as possible. Flood the treated area with isopropyl alcohol, tamp with brush again and allow to dry. Then pretreat with an enzyme detergent prior to washing.

Blood: Spray the stain with a dilution of liquid dishwashing soap (see above for ratio). Allow to sit for a few minutes; rinse with lukewarm water. Pre-treat the area with an enzyme cleaner if the stain persists, and then wash according to the garment instructions. Interesting alternate solution: Light, fresh blood stains can actually be removed pretty effectively using human saliva — but it must be the saliva of the individual to whom the blood belongs.

As always, if the garment you're trying to remedy is precious, or if the stain is particularly stubborn, it's advisable to take it to a professional for treating. (Crestwood Adviser bears no responsibility for an improperly treated stain; these are suggestions. These suggestions are for washable items only.)

#### GET UP & GET OUT!!!

**Mother Nature and Me: Nests** | *Wednesday, May 6th, 10:30-11:30am* Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Children 3-5 years old and their favorite adults will learn about nature through a story, nature walk and craft. Limit 15 children. To register, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at 708-839-6897. Cost: FREE.

#### 'Alice in Wonderland' Live in the Park

#### Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th

Enjoy the garden at Lake Katherine while following Alice through her dream Wonderland. The Southside Enrichment for Language Arts and History performances will be held at 1:30pm, 3:30pm and 5:30pm on both days, at Lake Katherine, located at 7402 Lake Katherine Drive in Palos Heights. The event is free, but donations are welcome.

#### **Nature Obstacle Course and Archery Night**

#### Thursday, May 14th, 4:00-6:30pm

Attempt Bremen Grove's nature obstacle course — created from natural forest materials. Join staff for archery instruction and activities. Obstacle course is for all ages; archery is for ages 10 and up. Call 708-386-4042 x23 to reserve a spot. Bremen Grove is located at 16061 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park.

#### Lake Katherine's Break for the Lake 5K Run/Walk

#### Sunday, May 17th, 8:00am

Proceeds for this race help Lake Katherine in its restoration efforts and to continue to offer their education programs. The race will start at 8am at the Lake Katherine Nature Center, 7402 West Lake Katherine Drive in Palos Heights. Registration opens on race morning at 7am. Pre race day packet pickup will be on Friday, May 15th at the Lake Katherine Nature Center from 5:30-7pm. Visit www.lakekatherine.org/special-events.cfm for more information on this event and others.



The Beverly Breast Cancer Walk (BBCW) is a three-mile walk held annually on Mother's Day through the historic Beverly neighborhood. The walk benefits the Cancer Center, the Comprehensive Breast Health Center and the Mammography Department at Little Company of Mary Hospital allowing LCMH to provide state-of-the-art treatment and services to breast cancer patients and their families. The walk began in the year 2000 with founders Carol Moriarty, who is a breast cancer survivor; her sister, Nancy Mulcahy; and friend Lisa O'Brien. Over the past 15 years, the BBCW has raised more than \$4,000,000 toward the fight against breast cancer! The walk will be held Sunday, May 10th at 8am, beginning at Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood.

Once again, the Village will provide a bus for our residents and their families to walk the walk to fight breast cancer, and provide the necessary equipment for prevention and treatment for the Breast Health Center. It has been a proven spirit lifter, and a great way to start Mother's Day. There will be music lining the streets, performers, survivors, high school bands and décor galore along the march. The bus will return to Village Hall about 10:30am — in plenty of time to sit down to brunch. The bus will depart Village Hall at 7:25am. Limited space is available. Please call the Village Hall to reserve a seat. You must register online or in person at the locations below.

**Pre-Registration Walk Fee (includes T-shirt**): Adults: \$30 | Children (18 and younger): \$15

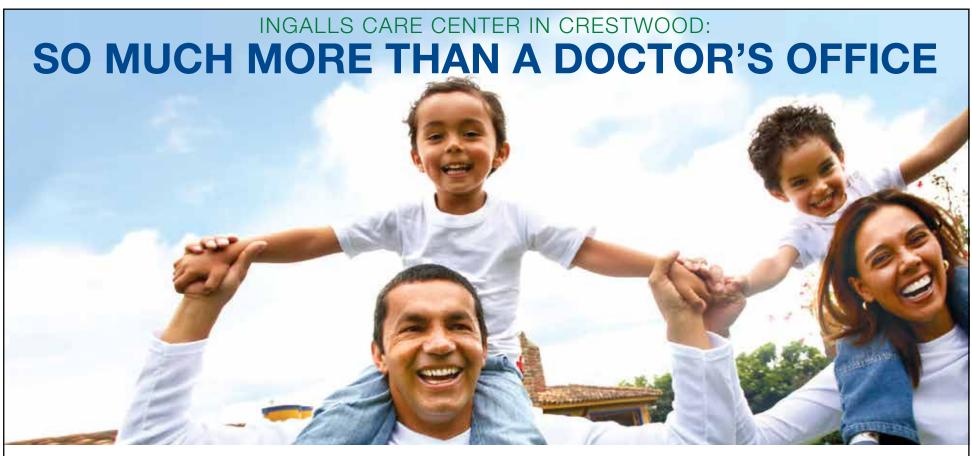
Day of Walk Fee (includes T-shirt while supplies last): Adults: \$40 Children (18 and younger): \$20

#### Registration and T-shirt pick-up dates/location:

Saturday, May 2, 9:00am-3:00pm Wednesday, May 6, 4:00-8:00pm Saturday, May 9, 9:00am-1:00pm

Little Company of Mary Hospital 2800 W 95th St, Evergreen Park, IL

Visit www.beverlybreastcancerwalk.org or call 708-229-5066 for details.



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- Quick Care featuring walk-in or same-day appointments and extended hours, including weekends
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Schedule appointments online at Ingalls.org/InQuicker. Walk-ins welcome.



**Hours:** Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday & Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Location:** 4742 Cal Sag Rd. in Crestwood (Cicero & Cal Sag)

**708.915.ASAP** (2727)

## **Popeye's Returns to Crestwood**

On April 23, a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at the newly opened Popeye's restaurant here in Crestwood. Mayor Lou Presta, along with Crestwood Village Clerk Jeannette O'Donnell and Trustee Dan Jurka, was on hand to cut the ribbon and to declare the franchise open to the public. Popeye's on Cicero Ave returns to Crestwood, bringing with it 53 new jobs to the community, along with its well-known fried chicken and other Southern delights. The opening was a welcome event for fans of the chain which was formerly located on the opposite side of Cicero Ave., in the location currently occupied by Culver's. Welcome back, Popeye's!



Crestwood Village Clerk Jeannette O'Donnell and Trustee Dan Jurka accompanied Mayor Lou Presta in welcoming Popeye's back to the Village. Along with its Louisiana flavor and flair, Popeye's brings 53 new jobs to Crestwood.



## Community-Minded: Crestwood's Home Life Furniture

When Moe Jbara decided he wanted to open a furniture store, he could have done so anywhere. He chose to open his, Home Life Furniture, in Crestwood.

"I was doing a Cash for Gold before this — outside Illinois. Different states," he remembers. "Then I decided just to come back to Illinois again and start a new business. I put it in my mind that I wanted a furniture store. It was between this one and another store in Joliet." After weighing the variables of advertising, traffic, demographics, incomes and such, the choice became obvious. "All the numbers were pushing me here," he says.

Palestinian by birth, Jbara — he likes people to call him by his last name came to the U.S. in 2002 and worked diligently in Illinois until making a go of it in the gold market in 2010 or so. But before long, he knew he wanted to go in a different direction. "I just said, 'I want to go back to the thing I know — I know furniture," he says.

Jbara also has a passion for making his clientele happy that forms the basis for his business ethic. "We deal with a lot of different companies, different brands nationwide," he says, citing Ashley Furniture, Kosta Furniture and others. "Each one, when I started my account with them, I told them, 'In my business, customer first.' 'Customer first' means, if we deliver something for the customer and he doesn't like it, that's your mistake. You guys are going to help me to make my customer happy."

"It's not like 'You break it, it's yours," he continues. "When you get that couch, recliner, dining set — when you sit on it, I want to you to feel, 'OK, this is my table. This is my couch. This is me.' That's what we want."

Ultimately, Jbara knows that if he gets it just right, every time the customer enjoys the furniture he has provided, it's a reflection on his having done a good



For Moe Jbara, owner of Home Life Furniture in Crestwood, happiness is the goal.

job of making them happy. This tenet of his business philosophy extends to the community at large, as well. Jbara is a frequent donor to local organizations and charities, and a supporter of community life here in Crestwood.

"Crestwood softball — we helped them," he says. "Some churches, some schools — it's something to help your community. And for us, to tell people we're here, too."

Home Life Furniture also has a welcome mat out for those who serve the community on a daily basis. "Police officers, firefighters — we help them, and we give a discount for those people especially. U.S. servicemen? They get a discount," he explains. "We try to do our best with the community."

Home Life Furniture is located at 13449 S. Cicero Ave. in Crestwood.





### **Local American Family Insurance Agent Andrea Mikulec earns top** honor for customer service

Andrea Mikulec, an American Family Insurance agent in Crestwood, Il, has been recognized for providing outstanding customer experience under the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification Program.

"At American Family, the customer is at the center of all we do, and these agents have proved they are committed to

consistently providing the best experience," said Bill Westrate, American family Insurance's chief operating officer. "The agents who earn the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification are those who have been given the highest marks from their customers for outstanding service."

The service excellence distinction was determined through an evaluation process conducted under guidelines established through the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification Program. The process consists of a customer satisfaction survey that measures customers' overall experience with their current American Family agents.

Mikulec has been an agent for American Family since January 2002. Her office is located at 4721 Midlothian Turnpike Suite 27, Crestwood, IL 60445.

#### From the Elim Christian Services

Each year, hundreds of people visit Elim's Palos Heights campus for the annual Elim Eagles' 5K Run/Walk/Roll. This fun family event will be held this year on Saturday, May 9. In addition to the 5K Run/Walk/Roll, the event offers a onemile short loop option, as well as a pre-race kids obstacle course, refreshments, music and raffles. All funds directly benefit children and adults with disabilities at Elim Christian Services, providing much-needed equipment, technology and facility improvements.

If your organization has a customizable sign, billboard or marquee, Elim Christian Services would like to request the "donation" of your sign for the purpose of spreading the word about the Elim Eagles' 5K Run/Walk/Roll.

#### Crestwood's Blue Ribbon Walk

On Saturday, May 30th, Crestwood will join 38 cities across the country in The Blue Ribbon Walk. The one-mile walk shows support for the police department and first responders. The walks in each city will take place from noon to 1pm. Crestwood's walk will begin and end at Caesar Park (141st and Kenton). There will also be a party afterwards for the participants and residents.

Local businesses, you can show your support through donations and booths at the party. We want residents to support local businesses, and this party is a great way to make customers more familiar with what Crestwood has to offer.

Businesses have several options for showing their support in addition to making a financial or door prize donation.

- For \$25, businesses can bring and manage a table up to eight-foot banquet-size with table skirt and signage, flyers, coupons or free giveaways, and raffle prizes. Restaurants may pass out complimentary food samples as well.
- For \$50, businesses are able to sell products, in addition to what is offered at the
- For no fee, businesses can contribute a door prize or donation (particularly donations of water bottles, cans of soda, hot dogs and buns, condiments, chips — complimentary food for the walkers). Grills and coolers for the event are also needed.
- For no fee, businesses can also sponsor an activity booth, such as a bounce house, face painting, or games for kids. The event theme colors are blue and red.

If your company is interested, please fill out the application sheet, which is available at the police station, the Village Hall, the Crestwood Public Library and on the Village website. Please mail it or drop it off at Old Town Pub, 5599 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, IL, 60445. To volunteer, contact Tina Koby at 708-910-4554 or email everyonegoeshome.crestwood@gmail.com. Electrical space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Thank you for your support.

## **Volunteer Opportunity of the Month:** The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, a nonprofit organization aiming to positively impact a child's potential in life through playbased education, welcomes more than 75,000 visitors annually. With all the visitors, birthday parties, and special events, the museum also welcomes volunteers for a variety of opportunities.

#### What's the Need?

There are a variety of ways people can get involved in the museum, including floor volunteers who help facilitate the exhibits. The exhibits range from basic sign language to woodworking, from makebelieve activities like being a veterinarian for stuffed animals to playing dress-up and working for an ice cream store.

Program Coordinator Barb McMillin also stressed a need for special events volunteers, especially for three upcoming events: a "cosplay" (superheroes) event for mothers and sons on August 1st, Fall Fun Fest on September 27th (which draws more than 2,000 attendees), and a Halloween party (October 23rd). Helpers are requested for set up, supervising crafts and games, facepainting, ticket sales, distributing handouts, photography, securing sponsorships and raffle prizes, and other similar opportunities.

"People can pretty much find their niche," McMillin said. "It needs to make sense for them, and it needs to make sense for us." Working with the children and exhibits requires a lot of walking, bending, and stooping. McMillin cautioned that the Museum floor can get very loud at times, especially on weekends, when it's usually back-to-back birthday parties in addition to a whole bunch of kids playing the exhibits' activities.

#### Why Get Involved?

McMillin said the Museum is regional. "People come from all over," she said, including Joliet, the Northern Suburbs, Indiana and Wisconsin. "I think people should invest in the community and invest in the youth of the future." She added, "Volunteers feel like this museum belongs to them ... and they all become friends." It's also a good way for students to find out if they actually want to work with children.

#### **How Do I Get Started?**

Visit www.cmoaklawn.org or call (708) 423-6709 to learn more about the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. To volunteer, email Barb McMillin at barb.mcmillin@cmoaklawn.org. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. McMillin will send the prospective volunteer the rules for assisting at the Museum and welcome him or her to a group orientation, held the second and fourth Friday of the month at 4:30pm. The Children's Museum requires all adult volunteers to have a background check and to be fingerprinted at the Oak Lawn Police Department, even if they have already been fingerprinted before. Fingerprinting may take six weeks, so be sure to sign up for orientation as soon as you can. The museum is located at 5100 Museum Drive in Oak Lawn.

#### **Need Volunteers?**

If your charity organization is in need of volunteers, let the Crestwood community know! Reach out to us here at editor@ crestwoodadviser.com or call (708) 926-2754 with any details you can regarding volunteer opportunities.





## Murphy Recognized at Women's History Month Celebration



L-R: Honorable Dorothy Brown, Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, Advisory Board Members Barbara Adrianopoli and Peggy Montes

Cook County Board Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy was honored at the Women's History Month Celebration and received an award for "Outstanding Women Elected Officials." Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Clerk's Office Women's Advisory Committee, held this prestigious event at the Chase Tower Auditorium, recognizing the strong leadership of all elected women officials throughout Cook County. Several other prominent women in elected offices were present and received acknowledgment.

Commissioner Murphy began her political career in her hometown of Crestwood as the first female Village Clerk. Her commitment to the community continued as she became the first woman Clerk to be elected in Worth Township, and then later the first woman Supervisor of Worth Township. Currently, Joan Patricia Murphy is the 6th District Cook County Board Commissioner. Murphy states, "I have been a strong supporter of women and family issues my entire career."

Honorable Dorothy Brown shows her continued appreciation and applauds the hard work by the Women of Cook County.

### **Biela Center Celebrates Easter**

About 150 people gathered at the Biela Center on Tuesday, March 31st, for an Easter celebration. Staff and volunteers served them a lunch of pork dumplings, sauerkraut, and delicious rabbit- and egg-shaped cakes. Raffle prizes included chocolates, stuffed animals, photo albums and kitchen items.

Evelyn Geary, 89, and Irene Ariola, 88, enjoyed meeting up again. They were neighbors at a Crestwood condo complex for 18 years until a couple of years ago, when Irene moved in with her daughter in Worth. Irene said, "I like to come here to see Evelyn." They have participated in Biela Center events for the past 15 years, such as belonging to the Senior Club to play bingo once a week.

"You couldn't find anyone better than the [Biela Center] kitchen help. ... They're fantastic," Evelyn said. "It's a nice place to come here because everybody's pretty social. ... When you're old, it's nice to get out and be with people."

"I really am enjoying myself [today]," Irene said of the Easter celebration.

About 150 people came to the Biela Center on March 31st to celebrate Easter with some great bingo games and lunch.



# Village & Biela Center Happenings

Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

For more Information 708-371-4860 Ext. 6001

MONDAY **THURSDAY TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY **FRIDAY** 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie 11:15 a.m. Fitness 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 12:00 p.m. Cards 12:00 p.m. Lunch 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 12 12:00 p.m. Lunch 11 14 13 Patty Waszak - 10 AM 15 11:15 a.m. **Fitness** Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 11:15 a.m. Fitness 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie 20 Blood Pressure - 9:30 AM 21 18 22 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 11:15 a.m. **Fitness** 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Bingo 12:00 p.m. Dessert 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie 25 27 Hearing Screening - 9:30 AM 26 29 11:15 a.m. **Fitness** Chicago Fire Tour - 10 AM Closed 12:00 p.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Lunch Memorial Day 1:00 p.m. Bingo 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Turkey on a croissant Friday, May 1 Tuesday, May 5 Smoked brats on a bun Friday, May 8 Meatball sandwich Tuesday, May 12 Chicken tetrazzini Friday, May 15 Hamburgers Tuesday, May 19 Italian sausage Friday, May 22 Dessert & Bingo Tuesday, May 26 Pizza & salad Friday, May 29 Beef sandwich

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$4.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

#### Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

May 4-8 "Mall Cop 1"

"Jake and the Neverland Pirates" May 11-15

May 18-22 "Dolphin Tale 1" May 20 - 29 "Flipper"

Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

#### **Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center**

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

- \*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, two, or three times a week.
- \*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.
- \*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.
- \*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year Patty Waszak Show at the Biela Center.
- \*Free blood pressure and hearing screenings are offered every month.
- \*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

#### Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860, EXT 6001.

#### Sorry....No refunds can be made

We've often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

#### Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

## When making casino reservations, please have your card

number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!

#### Blue Chip Casino

Enjoy a day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes 4 hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 in E-Play after 1,000 points.

When: Monday, July 20th

Depart 8:45 am - Return 4 pm Time:

Cost: \$28

Reservations requested by February 10th.

### **Horseshoe Casino**

Spend the day at the Horseshoe casino in Hummond, Indiana. When you register, we will need your card number and an E-mail address. If you DO NOT have a player's card we need your name (as shown on your license or State I.D.), address, date of birth and an E-mail address. Without this information you will not receive the trip benefits.

When: Monday, June 15th Depart 8:30 am - Return 4 pm Time: \$27.00 (includes buffet) Cost:

#### "Rules of the Road Here on June 8th"

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver license exam. Topics include written, vision, and road tests.

When: Monday, June 8th, 2015 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center

at 708-371-4860. EXT 6001

Dynamic SINGER!!! HILARIOUS COMEDIENNE!!! AWARD WINNING SONGWRITER!!! Patty plays the "Sweetest Sax This Side of Heaven!"

Join us for lunch and show at the White Fence Farm. Menu choice of the "World's Greatest Chicken" or scrumptious Fried Shrimp.

When: Wednesday, May 13th Depart 10 pm;return 4 pm Time:

\$65

#### **Great Chicago Fire Tour**

This tour is designed to give you an in depth look at the 2nd largest urban fire in U.S. history. We will begin an Mrs. O'leary's barn and continue to follow the path through the loop with timelines. We will continue to the North Side following the fire to Lincoln Park. Stops will include a I hour lunch-on-your-own at the James Thompson Center and a short stop at Water Tower. You may also bring your own lunch.

Thursday, May 28th Time: Depart 10 pm;return 4 pm

\$42 (lunch on your own or bring with)

#### "All Shook Up"

Inspired by the movies and songs of Elvis Presley. It's 1955 and into a square little state rides a guitar-playing roustabout who changes everthing and everyone he meets in this musical fantacy that'll have you jumping out of your blue suede shoes with 24 Elvis classics including "Heartbreak Hotel," "Love Me Tender" and more.

When: Thursday, July 16th Depart 11 AM Time:

Where: Theater at the Center, Munster, IN Cost: \$74 includes transportation, lunch and show (choice of baked chicken breast or Salisbury steak).

#### - REMINDER -

Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign-up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips.

- The Biela Center

## **Chicago Architectural Tour** Learn about the architecture and design of over 50 buildings

Bruce from the Audible Center for Hearing Excellence will be here on Wednesday, May 27th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to conduct hearing screenings and to clean and service hearing aids. This service is free for adults only.

described in this 90 minute tour. Open-air and air conditioned seating is available. Then on to lunch at Pompeii on Taylor Street.

When: Thursday, June 25th Depart 8:45 pm;return 4 pm Time:

\$77 (includes transportation, tour, & lunch) Cost:

#### Peaches and Cream Farm Tour



Enjoy a delicious chicken dinner at Apple Holler. Then hop on a narrated tractor-drawn wagon ride through the orchard and enchanted forest, where you can pick own sweet juicy peaches striaght from the tree. Shop in the country stores and gift shop.

When: Wednesday, August 12th Time: Depart 9:00 am - Return 5 pm

Cost: \$65 (includes transportation, chicken dinner and

1/4 peck bag of peaches)

This trip is sure to fill-up FAST!!!!!

#### Attention Seniors!!!

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents...

Consider joining a fun Group. Please call the membership chairperson, Sophie Horvath at 385-7760.

Also, the Biela Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet at the Biela Center on the second and fourth Monday at 12:30 pm. Call the Biela Center for more information.



#### ATTENTION ALL CARD PLAYERS!!!

Crestwood's senior card players are looking for new members to join them for pinochle a the Biela Center on Thursdays at noon. If interested, stop in on Thursdays at noon.



"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive." – Elbert Hubbard

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#### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED ON MAY 20th**

Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, May 20th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

HEARING SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER ON MAY 27th

#### May Adult Programming at **Crestwood Public Library**

Color in the Garden: For Sun and Shade

Gardening expert Nina Koziol returns to the library just in time for gardening season! Join us for a short presentation with tips and ideas to inspire your garden. Saturday, May 9 1:00 PM

Mother's Day Card Class Stampin' Up's Debbie Spano joins us for another card making session just in time for Mother's Day! Cost is \$4 per person. Space is limited - please register! Monday, May 4 6:00 PM

Meal Planning 101 Savvy Shopper Clair Boone returns to the library for Meal Planning 101! She'll provide you with some helpful tips for easy and affordable home cooked meals. Monday, May 11 6:00 PM

#### Needles & Yarn

Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit or crochet, or just want to meet some new friends? Join us for a new session of Needles & Yarn at the library! Bring your own materials or use some of ours! For ages 13 years and up. Call to register. Monday, May 18 at 6:30 PM

Did you recently get a new Kindle, eReader, or iPad?

We have TWO eBook databases for you to xplore and choose from. And best of all they are free and there are no late fees! To learn more about eRead Illinois and Media on Demand, visit our website today! www.crestwoodlibrary.org

#### **Book Discussion Group**

Do you like to talk about the books you read? Then join our monthly book discussion group. This group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00. May Meeting: May 6, 2015

Save the Date: Upcoming June Events!!! "Every Hero Has a Story" Summer Reading begins Monday, June 8, 2015 Watch for more info here next month!!!

Have an event you would like to commemorate coming up? Why not mark the occasion with a book on our library mural book shelf? What a great way to support our library too! Books on our Library Mural are available for purchase starting at \$25.00. All proceeds go to support the library general fund.

Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org or call 708-371-4090 for all program details

## May Events at Crestwood Public

### **Youth Programs**

Cinco De Mayo Party

Kids grades 1-5 join us this month as we Celebrate Cino De Mayo with crafts, games stories and snacks! Tuesday, May 5 from 5:30-7:000pm **Registration Required** 

**Ducky Pajama Party** 

Kids ages 4-9 come to the library in your pajamas to hear duck stories and make a cute ducky craft. Please register. Ages 4-9 Tuesday May 12, 2015 from 6:00-7:00pm

Art Club

This month kids grades 2-4 will get creative as we make our own paper flowers and decorate vases. Space is limited to 12 children, so please register.

Thursday, May 7 from 4:00-5:00pm

#### **Rainbow Loom Crafts**

Kids bring your rainbow loom to the library to learn all sorts of crafts to make and share. Don't have a loom? Learn to make a bracelet without one or borrow ours. Grade 2 and up Saturday, May 2, 2015

#### S.T.E.M. Science Club

Children in grades K-4 will learn all about during space during this month's S.T.E.M. Club. .Thurs. May 21, 2015 Grades 1-5 4:00pm \$2.00/child. Space limited to 15 children per class.

Register at Front Desk

"Every Hero Has a Story" - Summer Reading 2015
What is your Superpower? Summer Reading registration begins Monday, June 8. It is sure to be a Heroic summer this year.

Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for details.

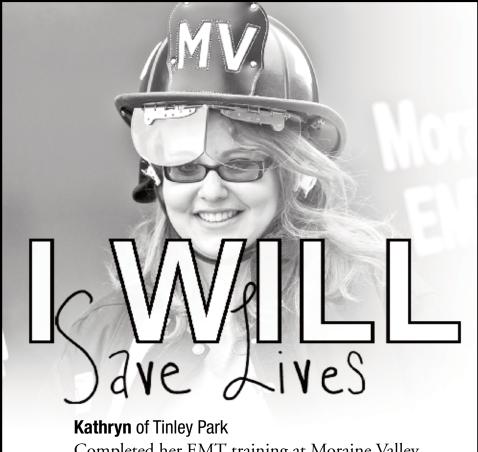


### Rich Wals: Crestwood Veteran of the 'American Graffiti' Generation

Rich Wals, a Crestwood resident since 1972, is more than just a guy who brings candy to local offices to cheer up staff. He's a general contractor and builder, a Vietnam veteran, and a car guy.

Wals graduated from Reavis High School in Burbank in 1959. By then, he'd already gotten his first car — a gift from his great-uncle who told Rich he's "pretty mechanical." Rich said he and his friends love cars since they're "from that era."

Rich was drafted to serve in Vietnam, and he served from 1963 to 1965. He drove a Jeep for the reconnaissance platoon of the 1st Infantry division, which sent him to Ft. Riley, Kansas. They then left for Vietnam, and the captain requested Rich to be his driver. Rich said, "Everybody should go serve. ... It helps you understand what life is really about." He said it gave him a lot of life



Completed her EMT training at Moraine Valley and plans to become a firefighter.

How will YOU fill in the blank?

Summer sessions begin May 18, June 8 and July 6.

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### **Crestwood History: Did You Know?**

- The first person elected as Mayor of Crestwood was William H. Walker, who served from 1928-1939.
- In 1957, the Crestwood Village Hall became available for private events. The rental fee for the hall at that time was \$5 for activities prior to 6pm. For events after 6pm, double the rate — 10 whole dollars — was charged. No liquor was allowed to be sold or served on the premises.
- Delia M. Turner School was constructed in 1960 at the intersection of 135th and Hamlin. It served students from Kindergarten through fifth grade and had an initial enrollment of approximately 300 students who filled its 12 rooms.
- Crestwood experienced a bit of a boom in 1972 when various projects came to fruition, not least of which was the \$1.25 million Southwest Ice Arenathat offered two ice rinks, a spectators gallery, and a complete lounge and dining facilities.

experience, including the time his Jeep got shot at while they were driving into Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City).

He ordered another car, his 1966 Chevy Corvette on October 23rd, 1965, while he was still in Vietnam. He got home December 7th, 1965. When he heard the car was ready at the Chevrolet dealership in St. Louis, he and three of his friends drove down to St. Louis on New Year's Eve. They got there at 2am. "I'll never forget it," he remarked, noting that he paid \$3,947.

In 1967, he started building houses and doing general contract work with his father, Jacob, under the name J&RW Builders. His brother, Ron, joined the company later. "It was a family affair," he said. "Not a bad way to go through life." Rich had gained experience with Medema Builders between high school and the war. Before Rich retired, he built 15 houses in Crestwood and also did a number of remodeling and commercial work projects. Rich said he always dealt with great subcontractors. "There was a lot of mutual respect. I surrounded myself with good people." He enjoyed designing and creating projects, and pleasing customers by exceeding expectations.

## The Bridge Teen Center a Boon for Burbs

Teens need space. And in Orland Park, they have one.

At the recent Southwest Conference of Mayors, Trustees Pieroth, Flynn and Trustee-elect Mick McInerney connected with the mission of The Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park. This is a nonprofit community center specifically designed for teens from the 7th to 12th grade. It is built to meet the needs and interests of teens in the burbs.

More than 108 communities utilize this space on a daily basis, with bigger bashes on Friday evenings. The mission of the Bridge Teen Center is to provide free programs during after-school and unsupervised hours where students can develop mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually in a safe environment. As the Bridge's website puts it, "The Bridge Teen Center is a place for students not just to be, but to become."

The Bridge offers an incredibly high level of quality activities in an incredible variety, all FOR FREE. Chefs from Cooper's Hawk, Buca di Beppo, the Harvest Room and Moraine Valley volunteer culinary classes. There are professional physical therapists, gaming designers and FBI agents speaking with the youth of today on future career choices. Vegan-diet classes, Gluten-free cooking, arts and music are also offered. There is even a recording studio available!

### **May Events Include:**

May 5 and 12th: Creating 3D chalk mural

**May 5th:** Button Making

May 6th: Boot Camp workout in the Park **May13th:** Lead U — Marketing yourself (High school-only program on applying for the job market)

May 14th: Archery

May 19th: Making Healthy Trail Mix

May 20th: Chess Tourney

Check Bridge website (www.

thebridgeteencenter.org) for class times.

If all of this weren't enough, the Bridge Teen Center is a safe environment where teens must register and have a card membership to enable them to swipe in and out of the Bridge. Currently, there is a bus pickup from Shepard High School on Tuesdays at 3:30 (Door 12) for The Bridge activities — again, for FREE. There is also tutoring/homework support available. The Village trustees currently are working to provide a transportation solution for Village teens seeking to attend the Friday night events. (Details will follow on the website at villageofcrestwoodil.gov and on facebook.)

How does such a teen paradise exisit? Through the generous supporters from the area and beyond: Harrington College of Design; Standard Bank; Meijer; Ethan Allen; Home Depot; The Cheesecake Factory; Barracos ... the list of dedicated sponsors concerned for the young people of today is exceedingly long.

The trustees encourage residents to take time to view the Bridge website and to tour its open house on Saturday, May 30th. But why wait? Jump in to the Bridge's Friday Night Live (FNL) event from 7:30-10:30pm and see your community in action. (7th-12th grade ONLY.)

## **FAQ: Smart Meters**

As many Village residents know, ComEd has announced that Smart Meters will be making their way to Crestwood, replacing the analog meters that have been a familiar sight to homeowners for generations. Many have approached the trustees with questions and concerns regarding this new technology.

#### What makes a grid "smart"?

Just as "smart phone" technology fuses the power of computers with cellular phones, Smart Grid technology merges computers with the electrical grid. Smart switches in the grid system automatically reroute power around problem areas, leading to fewer and shorter outages in the event they arise. Intelligent substations also can detect potential problems and automatically notify ComEd before outages occur.

#### What are the advantages of this system?

In addition to fewer outages and other problems, operational efficiencies will lead to reduced usage and reduced costs, which will be passed on to consumers.

#### Does Smart Meter technology invade my privacy?

From ComEd: Making sure customer-related energy use information remains confidential and secure has always been a top priority for ComEd.

- In accordance with relevant laws and regulations, ComEd will not disclose or sell any personally identifiable energy use information without approval, except when required by law.
- ComEd complies with the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Businesses Practices Act, which provides that an electric service provider shall maintain customers' personal information "solely for the purpose of generating the bill for such services" and, in general, may not divulge the information except when required by law.
- The Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act, which authorizes ComEd's smart grid, also contains requirements for maintaining the privacy of customer-related data.

Beyond these statements, ComEd declares that its systems are designed to meet the highest standards of cybersecurity.

#### **Exactly what information will the new Smart Meters collect?**

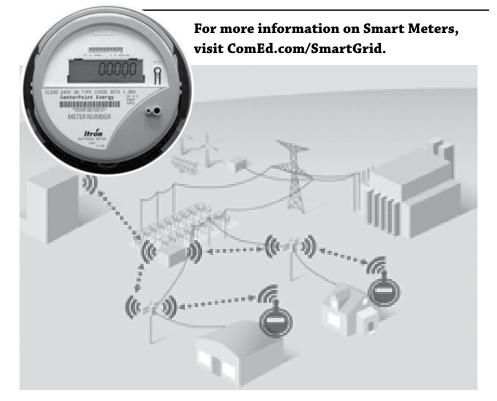
Just like the analog meters that have been in place up to now, Smart Meters measure the amount of electricity you use — not how you use it. These are not surveillance devices; they contain only the meter identifier and total energy information. Nothing identifying the customer is stored in the meter itself nor transmitted across the grid network.

#### What information does get transmitted over the network?

Smart Meters will transmit interval usage data back to ComEd, eliminating the need for meter readers to visit to read your meter. They also monitor service voltage data information, which is important for verifying that your service is delivered within required limits for operating household and business equipment. All of this data is encrypted prior to transmitting over the network. Smart Meters also will be equipped with safeguards to prevent unapproved, outside parties from retrieving the data.

#### What do I get in return for this data collection?

You will receive more information about your home or business's energy use, enabling you to better understand and manage your energy consumption from month to month. With the completion of the Smart Grid, Smart Meters will alert ComEd when power loss occurs, helping to decrease the response time to outages and to repair them with greater dispatch.



## Fun & Entertainment \*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

## FREE CLASSIFIED **ADVERTISING FOR** CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!

#### CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS are invited to place free

advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

**Garage Sales Lost and Found Large Appliances Automobiles** Motorcycles **Boats and Trailers** 

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To place your classified ad call 708-293-1430

Jobs Wanted

#### **SUDOKU**

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 – 9, without

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### **April Sudoku Solution**

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#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **FOR SALE**

Toledo scale, kitchen cabinets. Knaack pickup truck. HD toolbox. Baby crib. Safety cones. Wood entry door. Scaffolding. Marble vanity top/sink. For more detail, call 708-371-2755.

Thomasville Kitchen Oak Table/ 6 chairs/ hutch \$500. Dining room pecan, table - 2 leaves/ 6 chairs / sideboard cabinet. For more detail, call

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nette set, kitchen cart, miscellaneous lamps, art and other items. Call 773-620-2014. Ask for Sharon.

#### **FOR SALE**

Sheila at 708-334-8469.

Weber gas grills, choice of three \$100. For more detail, call 708-338-8845.

ing \$1,000.00 If interested please call Kim at (708) 560-3542.

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included. Tenant pays utilities. Section 8. \$950/ month plus 1 month security. Call 773-263-4150

#### **FOR SALE**

Bedroom set, dining room set, living room set, di-

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip,...

#### **April Crossword Solution**

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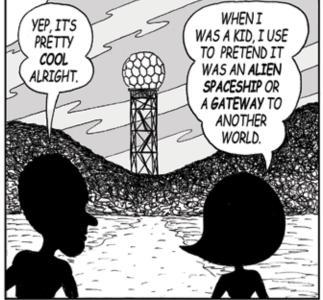
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## **Article Suggestions**

Crestwood Adviser welcomes suggestions for articles stories about residents, local events, random acts of kindness, and more! Please let us know what you think should be covered in your Village newspaper by emailing us at info@crestwoodadviser.com, calling Fanning Communications at 708-293-1430, or bringing a hard-copy submission to the Village Hall at 13840 S. Cicero Avenue.

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#### **Clinical Coordinator - Healogics, Palos Heights**

The Clinical Coordinator (Registered Nurse – RN) will be responsible for coordinating clinical activities in the Wound Care Center including but not limited to use of organizational skills, leadership, planning, implementing, evaluating, and providing patient care through the use of hospital and nursing standards. Primary responsibilities and expectations include: Providing case management for patients, providing specific assessments according to protocols and procedures, clinical competence in procedural skills, treatments and patient/caregiver education related to wound care management. Providing HBO patient assessment and chamber operation as necessary. Organizing and prioritizing clinical responsibilities, providing direct supervision of clinical staff (RN, LPN, MA, Med Assist, etc.). Collaborating with other health care providers, Wound Care Center Physicians, Program Director, and Medical Director regarding clinic and patient needs. Consistently looking at current processes and procedures, and identifying and implementing areas of improvement while adhering to HIPAA, JCAHO, DOH as well as hospital and DCS requirements. Working with Program Director and Medical Director to develop, implement and manage a continuous Performance Improvement Program (PIP). Engaging in staff development, providing general instruction in services as well as individual instruction and feedback. Collaborating with Program Director in coordinating program objectives from a budgetary and financial perspective. Collaborating with Program Director and Medical Director to achieve Wound Care Center quality indicators. Other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

For more details and to apply, visit the job description page on Career-Builder.com at http://cb.com/10UPzEw

## Crestwood Fastpitch 1Mi/5K Run/Walk for Breast Cancer



# Coming Sunday, June 14th

\$20 entry fee Visit www.CrestwoodFastpitch.com for details



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# **SPORTS**

## Crestwood Community Night Brings Together Fans, Friends and Fireworks



The Village of Crestwood and the Windy City ThunderBolts are partnering for a special event at Standard Bank Stadium (14011 Kenton Ave.) to recognize the completion of several improvements to the ballpark for the 2015 season. The club and the Village have worked together to install a brand new videoboard/scoreboard, artificial turf, and an expanded kids zone. We want the families of Crestwood to check out all of these new improvements at no cost!

All Crestwood residents will be able to go to Village Hall or the Standard Bank Stadium box office and receive free tickets for their families to the Saturday, May 30th ThunderBolts' game against the Evansville Otters. Game time is 6pm, and after the game will be a fantastic fireworks show. An ID showing proof of Crestwood residency is required to get the tickets. You must acquire these tickets in advance. They are only available as supplies last — once the tickets are gone ... they are gone! Tickets will not be available for free the day of the event. Get your tickets now!

Residents may recall that the new videoboard was installed this past August, but all the bells and whistles are now complete. Highlights for 2015 include animated games, fan cams, movie clips and more! Currently under construction is the expansion and leveling the Kids Zone down the right field line. The extra room will be used for more picnic areas, activity inflatables and planned playground equipment.

Finally, the biggest improvement in the facility's history is the brand new artificial turf field. The previous ballpark's playing field had terrible drainage and was over two decades old, causing several "sunny day rainouts" each year. This past fall and current spring, the playing field had a new drainage system installed that can take two inches of rain an hour. The fake-grass surface was combined with a special sand/rubber mix to feel as close to a natural grass field as possible. There is no dirt of any kind on the new field. The new surface is one of the best in the country, used by countless NCAA Division One teams. Even the pitcher's mound is removable so that concerts and other sports will be possible, turning Standard Bank Stadium into a 10-month-a-year facility. The best part about the turf is that is was fully funded by the ThunderBolts' new ownership at no cost to the Village.

What: Crestwood Community Night | Location: Standard Bank Stadium | When: Saturday, May 30th at 6:05 PM (Fireworks Show after the game)

#### Windy City ThunderBolts vs. Evansville Otters

Tickets are available at NO CHARGE to Crestwood residents. Show your proof of residency at the Village Hall or at the Standard Bank Stadium box office for tickets to this game. You MUST get your tickets before the day of the game! Free tickets are not available on game day! Tickets are available while they last — get yours now!

## Crestwood Fastpitch Softball Parade Celebrates Kids and Sport













(2) Crestwood's finest lead the Crestwood Fastpitch Softball Parade. (2) The Maroon Team proudly displayed its colors while marching in the parade. (4) The Crestwood Crush takes it to the streets of Crestwood. (3) Girls' fastpitch softball shows its popularity and pride at the parade. (5) Crestwood's fastpitch softball teams and the community thank the sponsors and Merry Kreamalmeyer for making the parade an unforgettable day out. (6) It's all about the kids: Crestwood's fastpitch softball league. (1) L-R: Trustee-elect Mick McInerney, Trustee Bill Pieroth, Mayor Lou Presta, Trustee Linda Madlener and Trustee Tony Benigno were proud to support the Crestwood Fastpitch Softball Parade.